

B. Proposed conversion of Electro-Mechanical Exchanges in Assam during 1997-98

Sl. No.	District	Location	Present Exch. Capacity Type	Proposed Capacity Type
1.	Kamrup	Rangia	200 MAX -II	1000 C-DOT
2.	Kamrup	Panbazar (GH)	4800 MAX-I	1000 E-10B Expansion and RLUs

With above conversions, all the telephone exchanges will be electronic.

Operational and Supervisory Manpower at New Delhi Railway Station

3746. SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of operational and supervisory manpower sanctioned and available for maintenance of hygienic, sanitary; and cleanliness jobs at the New Delhi Railway Station;

(b) whether the Government are aware about bad and deplorable hygienic, sanitary and cleanliness conditions at almost all the platforms and on the railway lines of the New Delhi Railway Station; and

(c) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) The position is as given below :

Posts	Sanctioned strength	On roll
Sr. Chief Health Inspector	1	1
Sr. Health inspector	2	2
Health inspector	2	2
Safaiwalas	307	295

(b) and (c) To ensure proper cleanliness of New Delhi station, Commercial supervisors have been nominated and given specific areas for ensuring proper cleanliness of the platforms and railway lines. Divisional officers have been nominated to visit the station and monitor the cleanliness of the platforms and railway lines. A special cleanliness drive has also been launched with effect from 1.8.1997.

Reduction of Share of U.P.

3747. SHRI CHANDRABHUSHAN SINGH :
SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH VERMA :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the share of Uttar Pradesh from Central Sector

Power projects of Unchahar Thermal and Narora Atomic Power has been reduced by the Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has requested the Union Government to restore the original share from the above projects;

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon;

(e) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has also requested the Union Government to give more power from Central Projects; and

(f) if so, the response of the Union Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (d) Government has decided that power supply to State Electricity Boards from Central Power Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) should be against advance payment or irrevocable Letter of Credit (LC). Due to failure on part of UPSEB to raise the Letter of Credit amount commensurate with the energy drawn from CPSUs, even after repeated requests made by the CEA and CPSUs, the allocation of U.P. in Unchahar Thermal Power Station and Narora Atomic Power Station was reduced in accordance to the LC amount.

(e) and (f) Uttar Pradesh has been allocated 15% of power from the unallocated power of the Central Sector Stations in the Northern Region. There has been no request for enhancement from this unallocated quota since then.

Mines closed in Madhya Pradesh

3748. KUMARI UMA BHARATI : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of mines lying closed in Madhya Pradesh at present;

(b) whether the Government have taken any measures to reopen these mines;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which these mines are likely to be reopened?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) to (d) Mines may have to be closed by the lessee on techno-economic considerations. However, the question of closure of mines recently came up as a sequel to the interim order dated 12.12.96 of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202 of 1995 and Writ Petition (Civil) No. 171/96 As per the said order of Hon'ble Supreme Court, all ongoing activity within any forest in any State throughout the country, without the prior approval of the Central Govt., must cease forthwith. As per the information available, one mine was ordered to be

closed in Madhya Pradesh in pursuance to the interim orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court referred to above.

The Central Government after obtaining the opinion of learned Attorney General of India, issued suitable instructions to all the State Governments. Further, Hon'ble Supreme Court has resolved the issue regarding Forest clearances concerning mining vide orders dated 4.3.97 as per which the State Governments shall forward all complete pending applications within a period of 2 weeks to the Central Government for requisite decisions and applications received (or completed) hereafter would be forwarded within two weeks of their being received. Further the Central Government shall dispose of all such applications within six weeks of their being received. Where the grant of final forest clearance is delayed, the Central Government may consider the grant of working permissions as per existing practice.

[Translation]

Damage of Madan Mahal Reservation Centre due to Earthquake

3749. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE : Will the Minister of RAILWAY be please to state :

(a) whether as a result of earthquake on May 22, 1997 Madan Mahal Reservation Centre of Central Railways has been damaged and since then it has not been repaired;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether heavy rush on reservation centre of Jabalpur railway station leads to manhandling among the passengers;

(d) if so, whether touts are also active for reservation and there is no GRP personnel on reservation centre to remove the difficulties of the passengers and the officers on these reservation centre also do not show any interest in this matter; and

(e) if so, the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the earthquake, Madan Mahal Station Building has been damaged very badly. The Building requires to be re-built.

(c) No complaint regarding man-handling among the passenger has been received.

(d) and (e) GRP/RPF personnel are regularly deployed in Reservation Office to ensure proper queue. Regular checks are being conducted by the Railway Officers with the help of RPF & GRP to ensure that there is no tout and nefarious activity in the reservation office.

Private Security Personnel

3750. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the T.D.Ms. are entitled to appoint private Security Personnel;

(b) if not, whether a number of Security personnel have been appointed by District Manager in Bareilly telecommunication office from July 1, 1996 to till date; and

(c) if so, the reasons for these appointments?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No Sir.

(b) No Private Security Personnel has been appointed by District Manager, Bareilly from July 1, 1996 to till date. However, Security jobs have been assigned to UP Kalyan Board, a U.P. Government Agency to guard all important Telecom, installations and assets in SSA Bareilly.

(c) Not applicable, in view of (b) above.

Waiting List for Telephone in Haryana

3751. DR. ARVIND SHARMA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applicants on the waiting list for telephone connections in Haryana, district-wise;

(b) the duration with-in which the telephone connection is installed at the application and depositing the security money;

(c) the number of existing telephone connections present and the number out of them functioning smoothly, the percentage of those lying out of order and the duration within which the out of order telephones are repaired, district-wise;

(d) the number of telephone connection provided in 1996 and the target fixed in this regard for the year 1997, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Number of persons on the waiting list as on 31.7.1997 are as per the Statement - I enclosed.

(b) The average duration for provision of telephone connection, category wise, is as follows :

Category	Duration
Tatkal	15 days
OYT	1-6 months
Non-OYT (G)	1-2 Years.

However, expansion plans for Haryana have been worked out and efforts are being made to provide telephone connections.

Presently after issue of work order, subject to technical feasibility, telephone are generally provided within 15 days.